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IMAGERY COLLECTION REQUIREMENTS SUBCOMMITTEE OF COMIREX

AGENDA

for

ICRS-M-19, Tuesday, 29 October 1968

Room 1G 38, Headquarters

1. Approval of Minutes - 22 October Meeting.
2. Satellite Schedule - SAFSS
3. South China/North Vietnam Priority List.
(ICRS-D-6/18-94)
4. [REDACTED]
5. 1105 Mission Priorities.
6. Update COMIREX Target File
7. Other Business.

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Group I

Excluded from automatic down-
grading and declassification

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U-2 R BRIEFING

25X1A 1. [redacted] CIA/OSA, presented a very comprehensive briefing on the improved U-2 aircraft, designated the U-2 R. His presentation covered the following general areas:

Growth and Potential for Future Use
Comparison with the U-2 C
Roles and Potential Missions
Systems
Ranges - Various Conditions
Vulnerability
Possible Deployment Areas

U-2 R Program

Go Ahead - September 1966
12 Aircraft Procured - 6 CIA -- 6 USAF

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[redacted]
First Flight - August 1967
Last Aircraft Production - November 1968

Capabilities*

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* [redacted] noted that the U-2 R will be carrier qualified, however because of the greatly increased range capability the carrier qualification program is not of urgent priority.

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U-2 R -- U-2 C Comparison

	<u>U-2 R</u>	<u>U-2 C</u>
Length	62' 1"	49' 8.4"
Wing Span	103'	80'
Payload		

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2. A comparison of the range and overflight capabilities of the U-2 R and U-2 C was presented by [] using a series of charts with comparable ranges, from various operational bases, displayed. [] pointed out, as an example, that all of the China targets were accessible with the U-2 R, from available operating bases, while some of the deep targets such as Lop Nor could not be reached by the U-2 C.

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Camera Systems

The U-2 R can use the present sensor systems but a new optical bar panoramic system with the following characteristics will be the primary camera system:

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Vulnerability

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[] displayed a graph depicting the comparative vulnerability of the U-2 R and U-2 C. The U-2 R is less vulnerable than the U-2 C to the SAM threat.

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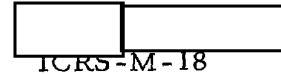
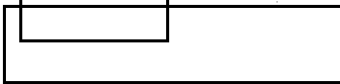
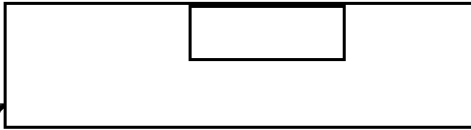
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3. In summary, [redacted] reviewed the significant features of the U-2 R.

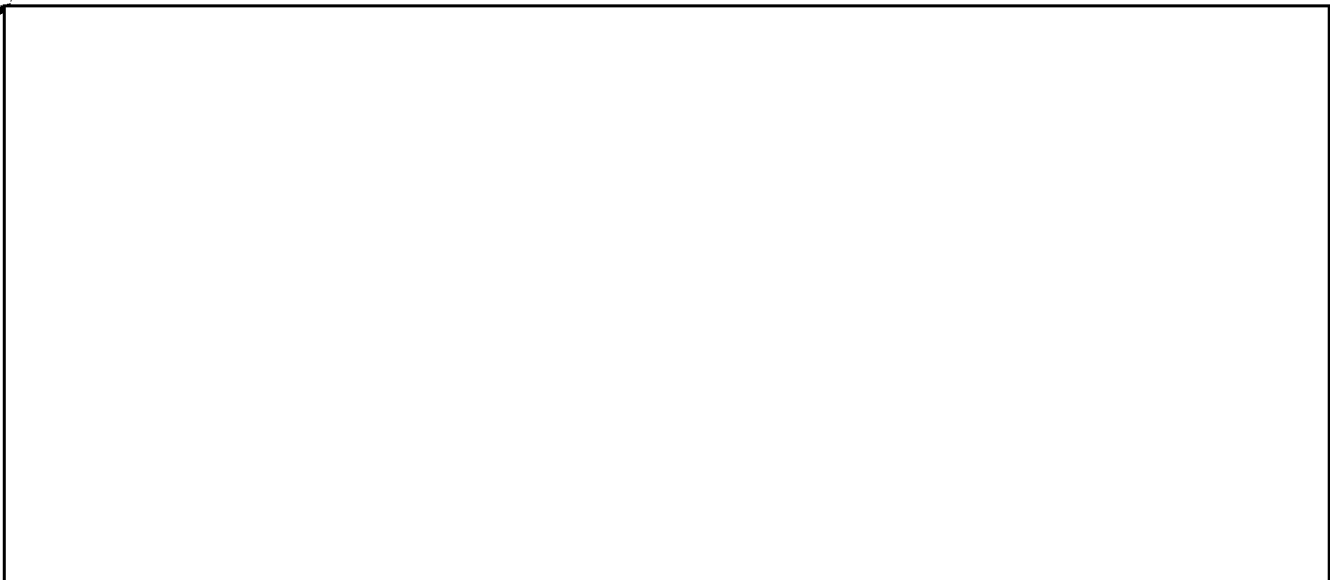
Higher Operating Altitude
Increased Range
Improved Maneuvering Capability at High Altitude
Reduced Vulnerability
Increased Payload
Modular Packaging Concept
Quick Reaction Improvement
Improved Growth Potential

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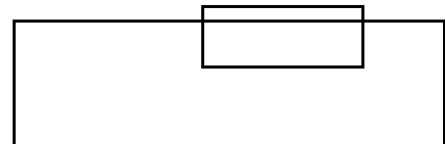
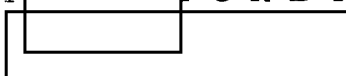
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4. [redacted] of CIA/OSP presented a briefing on the CORONA [redacted] and also discussed the use of WAG areas in CORONA programming. Attachment one contains the briefing charts used in the [redacted] presentation.



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8. The use of WAG's for area accounting, historical file and target programming was discussed. [] stated all historical CORONA data will, in the near future, be based on the WAG accounting system. In response to a question she stated that the use of the WAG system in mission planning and operations presents no particular problems and all ICRS requirements could be expressed in WAG cells if desired. [] stated he felt it was important to retain the other two methods of expressing requirements for CORONA Programming and Operation, i.e. COMIREX number or corner coordinates of a particular search area. [] confirmed that this capability will be maintained.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

9. Draft minutes of the 15 October meeting were approved with minor editorial changes plus concurrence with request from [] that a paragraph on the discussion held concerning the weekly transaction sheets be added.

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SATELLITE SCHEDULE

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10. [] reported the satellite launch schedule as follows:

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CORONA

1105 - 30 Oct 1968
1106 - 11 Dec 1968
1049 - 29 Jan 1969
1107 - 12 Mar 1969
1050 - 14 May 1969

SOUTH CHINA/NORTH VIETNAM PRIORITY LIST

11. There were no changes to the South China/North Vietnam Priority List. The following acceptable data base coverage of North Vietnam priority targets was reported by DIA:

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There was no coverage of any priority targets in South China reported.

1105 ICRS READOUT REQUIREMENTS

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12. A draft proposal of ICRS readout requirements on NPIC for Mission 1105 was approved. [redacted] requested NPIC to note in the covering memorandum when a revised readout list for any mission is published, such as occurred on [redacted]

TARGET UPDATES

13. The weekly transaction sheets consisting of:

- 149 Additions
- 16 Changes
- 2 Inactivations
- 11 Deletions

were distributed. The Chairman requested the ICRS Staff be notified by noon Thursday of any objections to proposed actions. In absence of any objections by this time, the proposed actions will be entered into the file.

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14. In accordance with the request of DIA at last weeks ICRS meeting, [] reviewed the ICRS actions relative to the procedures of the ICRS Staff for processing the review recommendations returned to the Staff on the WTS. He stated the Staff is picking up the [] and coordinates provided by DIA. In instances where differences occur, the differences should be resolved between the requesting agency and DIA before the review coordinates are accepted. Mr. [] also noted that the COMIREX target name is not necessarily the same as that which is provided by DIA after its WTS review. The city name should agree but the ICRS target list could contain a descriptive name not found in the [] i. e. airfield, complex, etc.

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15. [] asked the DIA representative if it would be possible, if the WTS were segregated by organization, to provide copies containing proposed changes to the requesting organization concerned as well as providing a full set of the WTS to the ICRS Staff for action. [] replied he would look into it.

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16. [] also noted that when the procedures for defining precise coordinates are agreed to that a large part of this problem should disappear.

OTHER BUSINESS

17. Nomination Form

In response to DIA's request of last week for information on status of the form, the Chairman noted that the COMIREX opinion is that although, in principle, the form has been approved by the COMIREX, that technically it has not been formally approved since the CIA had objected to its formal approval pending agreement on a revised criteria.

18. Cuba

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[] noted that the Cuban area coverage stood at 84% satisfied and that the low figure was partially attributable to a series of early mission aborts which occurred during the current 56 day time period.

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